

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET

NATIONAL REGISTER

AREA	FORM NO.
	136

WALTHAM, MA MRA



Address Waltham, MA  
90 Worcester Lane  
Historic Name Mt. Prospect School for Boys

Present private residence  
Original institutional

DESCRIPTION

Year 1923  
Type Owner  
Style Georgian Revival

Architect unknown --

Exterior Wall Fabric brick

Buildings Garage/Servants Quarters- C

Alterations (with dates) converted to residence (c.1933), converted to nursing home (1950); reconverted to residence (1983)  
Condition good

Lot no -- Date n/a --

Area 138,236 sq.ft. 3.7A 41-2-16

Setting Dramatically sited on rise, surrounded by well-maintained tree shaded grounds  
Area of substantial mid-19th-20th c.

homes. Area retains Pre-20th c. rustic charm.

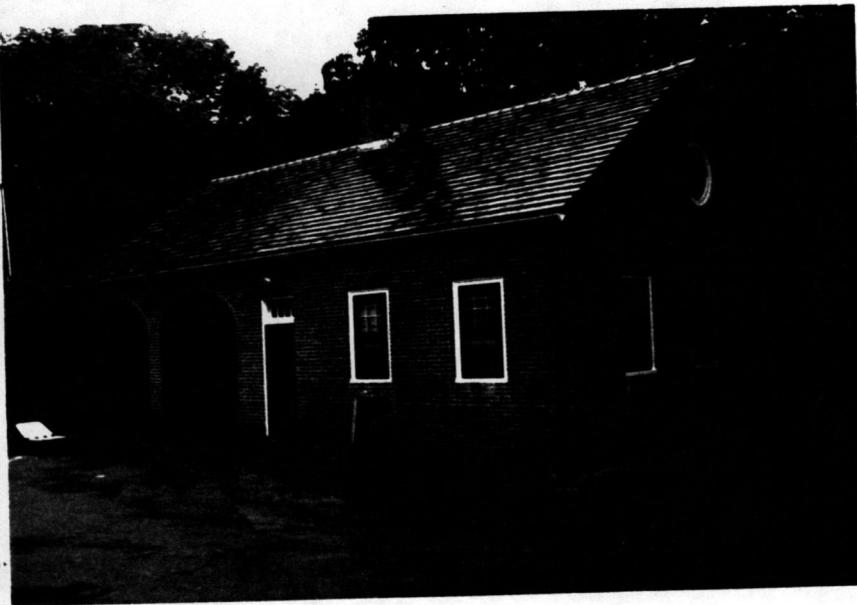
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Date July 1986

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Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings



UTM REFERENCE 19/315280/4695270

USGS QUADRANGLE LEXINGTON

SCALE 1:25,000

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Historical Significance  
90 Worcester Lane (cont'd)

(although the school is last listed in the 1941 Directory). During the 1930's and early 1940's, 90 Worcester Lane was the home of Leonard Wing. Mr. Wing, an invalid, modified the building to accommodate his wheelchair. After Mr. Wing's death in the 1940's the property was purchased by the Willard Settlement Corporation and run as a nursing home until 1983. At that time the property was renovated to function as a residence.



## NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

#90 Worcester Lane is a fine example of early 1920's Georgian Revival institutional architecture which has been adapted for a variety of uses overtime. It was originally built to house the Mt. Prospect School for Boys. This building has important historical association with the school's founder, Arthur Astor Carey, philanthropist and one of the foremost leaders in the Boy Scouts of America during the early 20th century. This house possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and associations. It meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

## ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.

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## HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.

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## BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Owners, John and Lenore Walker  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Mt. Prospect School for Boys

MULTIPLE NAME: Waltham MRA

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 8/21/89 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 9/05/89  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 9/21/89 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/05/89  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89001525

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 9/28/89 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*Please clarify an applicable area of significance for criterion A eligibility. Criteria statement mentions associations with founder Carey - wouldn't this be B then?  
Please clarify a period of significance in light of above comment. Carey died before school was completed.*

RECOM./CRITERIA Return  
REVIEWER Savage  
DISCIPLINE Architectural History  
DATE 9/28/89

*Please reevaluate and revise documentation accordingly.*

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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CLASSIFICATION

count       resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

historic       current

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DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

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SIGNIFICANCE

Period      Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates      Builder/Architect  
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

summary paragraph  
 completeness  
 clarity  
 applicable criteria  
 justification of areas checked  
 relating significance to the resource  
 context  
 relationship of integrity to significance  
 justification of exception  
 other

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage       verbal boundary description  
 UTM's       boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps       USGS maps       photographs       presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Organization Waltham Historical Comm.

Date July 1986

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Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo. Staple to left side of form.

Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection(s).  
Indicate north

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National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

Section number \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Waltham MRA  
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- 61. Mount Feaks Cemetery Entered in the  
National Register *for* Keeper Melrose Byrum 9/28/89  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- scr* 62. Mt. Prospect School for Boys Substantive Review *for* Keeper Beth L. Savage 3/9/90  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 63. Murray, Robert, House Entered in the  
National Register *for* Keeper Melrose Byrum 9/28/89  
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- scr* 64. Newton Street Bridge Substantive Review *for* Keeper Beth L. Savage 9/28/89  
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- 65. North Lexington Street Historic District Entered in the  
National Register *for* Keeper Melrose Byrum 9/28/89  
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- 66. O'Hara Waltham Dial Company Entered in the  
National Register *for* Keeper Melrose Byrum 9/28/89  
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- 67. Olcott, John E., House Entered in the  
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- 68. Oxford, The Entered in the  
National Register *for* Keeper Melrose Byrum 9/28/89  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 69. Peck, John M., House Entered in the  
National Register *for* Keeper Melrose Byrum 9/28/89  
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- scr* 70. Piety Corner Historic District Substantive Review *for* Keeper Beth L. Savage 3/9/90  
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NOMINATOR: STATE

DETAILED EVALUATION: Y

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 3/9/90 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*Locally significant Georgian Revival institutional building associated with the philanthropy and educational philosophy of Arthur Astor Carey.*

*Initial comments addressed.*

*\* The cut and paste on the inventory form is not acceptable. NPS will copy page #2 onto archival paper.*

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A+C  
REVIEWER Jared  
DISCIPLINE Architectural History  
DATE 3/9/90

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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Mt. Prospect School for Boys

MHC #136  
Waltham, MA MRA  
90 Worcester Lane



Mt. Prospect School For Boys

MHC #136  
William, Ma. NRA  
90 Worcester Lane



90 Worcester Lane (Secondary Property)

Mt. Prospect School for Boys

Waltham, Mass MKA  
MHC #136



Waltham Prospect School for Boys

MHC # 13C

Waltham MA MRA

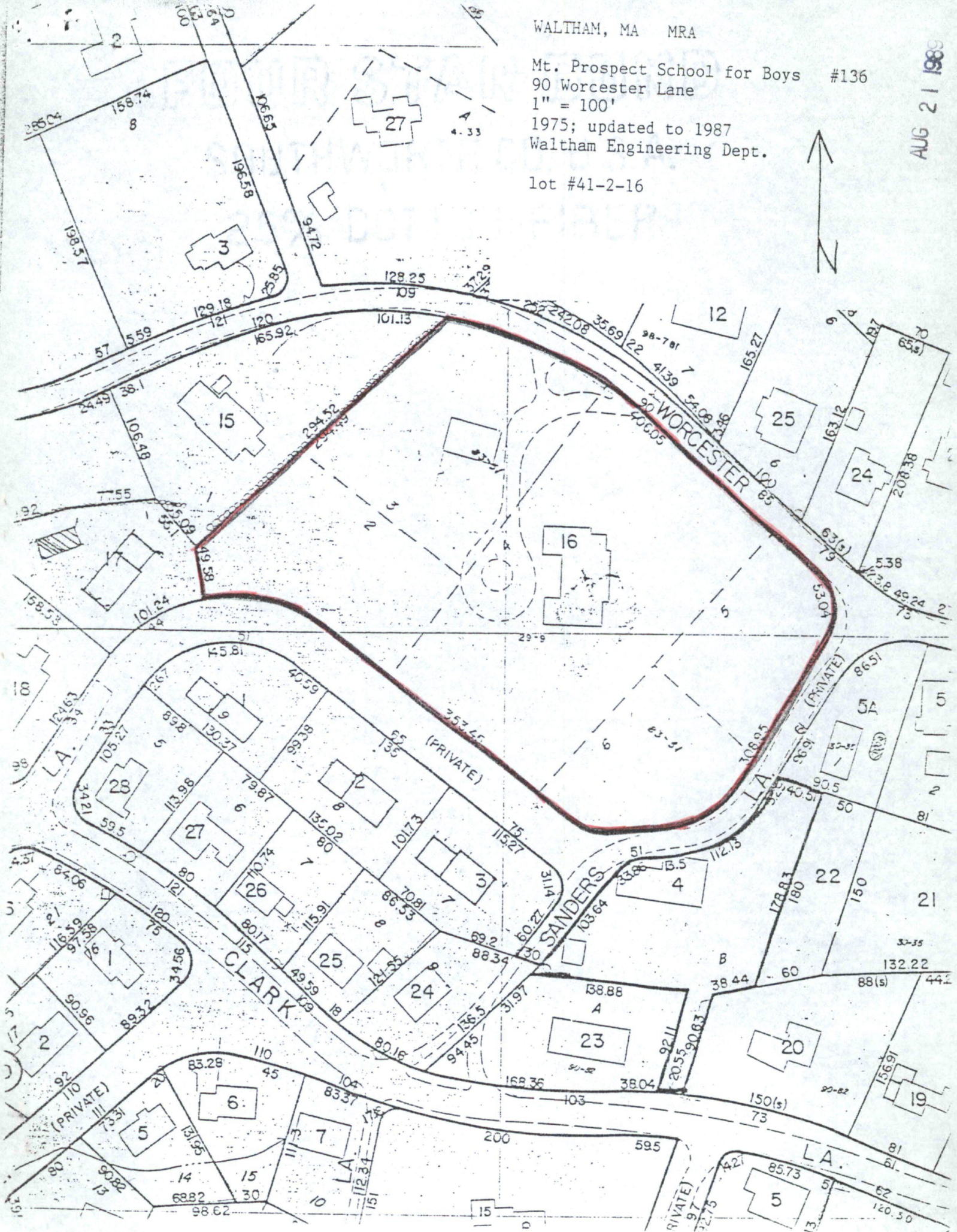
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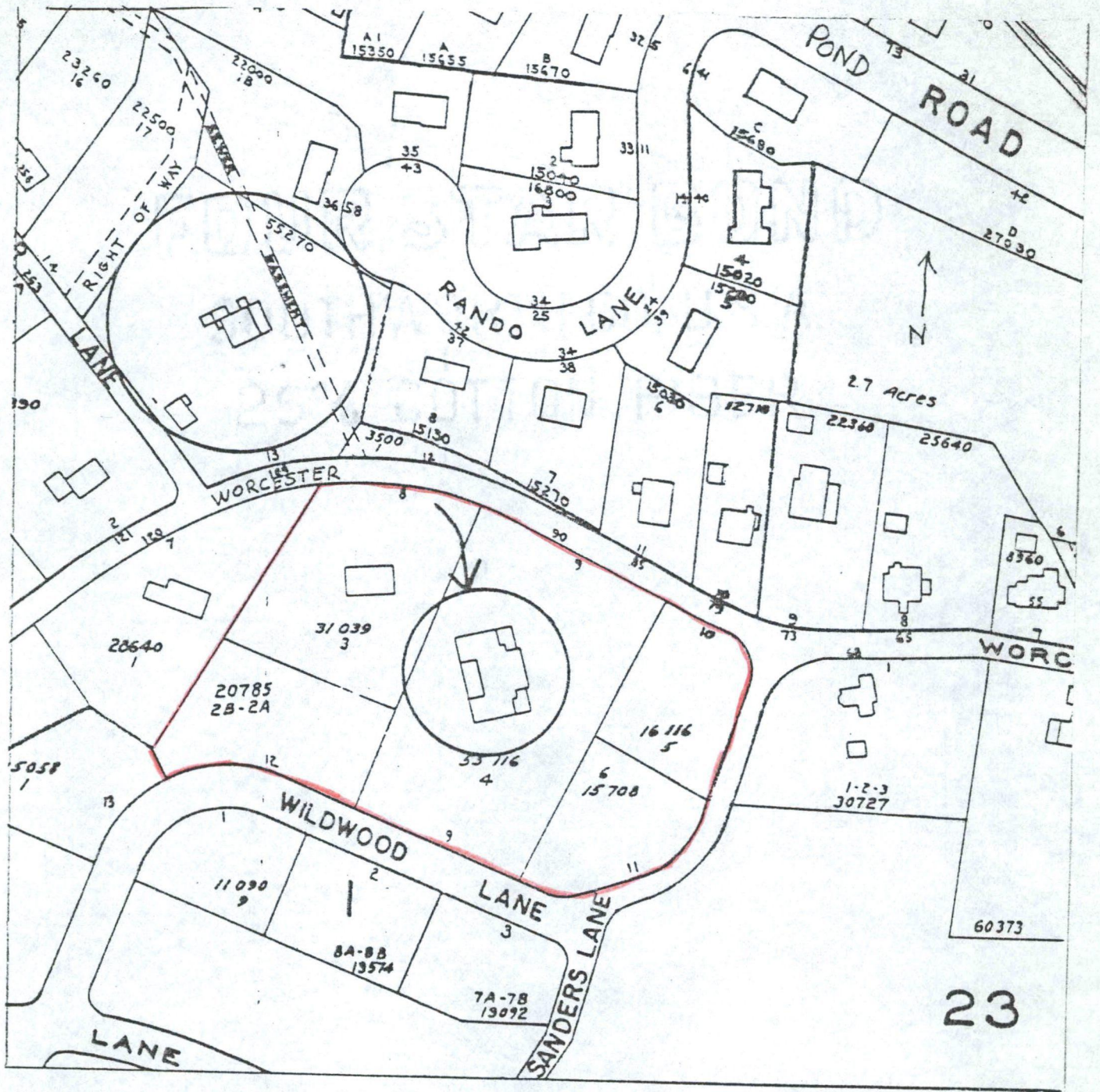
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Mt. Prospect School for Boys #136  
90 Worcester Lane  
1" = 100'  
1975; updated to 1987  
Waltham Engineering Dept.

lot #41-2-16

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1970 Atlas, City of Waltham  
 Compiled by the Waltham  
 Engineering Division  
 Scale: 1 inch = 140 ft

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 Mount Prospect School  
 49-H-9 MHC #136

Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

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